



An Answer to Conflict

I read with interest the Star-Bulletin article of May 25 concerning tension between the "locals" and the military, in particular the Marine who, during a session in which military personnel were given opportunity to voice their complaints and opinions, was drowned out in cheering after saying "I've got a pistol."

This, somehow, does not seem to be the right attitude. The idea is to make peace, not more wars. But then, that is what the military is all about. Make war. Kill people.

The government has trained them this way, and that's the way they're going to be. That's half the problem right there, the aforementioned Marine said it all himself.

Which brings us to the other half of the fight, the "locals," who are just as much to blame. If they were truly "local," they would love and respect this land we live on, and those who live on it with us.

I think it is up to the "local" people to show the military that the answer is not in bombs and tanks and blood, but in love and respect for oneself and each other.

To be honest, I find this whole issue rather ridiculous. If everyone would simply learn to accept one another we wouldn't have these disputes and could devote our time to solving some real problems. Otherwise, we may all perish from our own ignorance and stupidity.

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